

**REPORT EGAREES
POES. HUERTA HAS
FLEE TO MEXICO CITY**

Rumor Lacks Official Confirmation But Series of Circumstances Lend Color—Believe Dictator Fears Uprising.

**WAR MINISTER RIVAL
PLOTS FOR PRESIDENCY**

Friends of Blanquet Watching Opportunity to Install Him in National Palace—Members of Congress Flee For Lives.

BULLETIN.
VERA CRUZ, May 27.—El Presente, a Spanish newspaper, prints the following statement today:
"Gen. Victoriano Huerta has resigned. He left Mexico City during the night, passing through Cordoba. It was his intention to go as far as Santa Lucrécia on the isthmus railway and there await word to proceed."
The editor of the paper admitted that the story had not been verified, but claimed to have it from "high authority."

BY THOMAS P. COATES,
Staff Correspondent.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., May 27.—Although reports were persistently circulated here today that Gen. Victoriano Huerta had fled from Mexico City to Puerto Mexico to take passage on the German steamship Ypiranga, they lack official confirmation, but are generally believed.
However, they are borne out by a number of circumstances which all indicate that Huerta has finally abdicated after a stormy and brief tenure in the national palace.
Two special trains, one armed and armored and the other made up of Pullman palace cars, were made up at Cordoba yesterday and held upon the main track awaiting "important passengers" from Mexico City.
The first train was made up of armored box cars and flat cars bearing bags of sand arranged around the sides for barricades.
A flat car with a machine gun mounted upon it was placed before the locomotive. The engineer of this train was under orders to proceed slowly and to make a thorough test of the track at all points and all the bridges.
Private Car Attached.
One private car, fitted up in palatial style, was attached to the second train. This car, it was said, was prepared for Gen. Huerta and members of his family. The other Pullman cars were intended for the use of Huerta's personal bodyguard and members of his suite, as well as emissaries of the diplomatic corps in Mexico City whose duty it was to see the former dictator safe to his destination.
The Ypiranga, which steamed for Puerto Mexico yesterday accompanied by the German cruiser Dresden, is expected back at Vera Cruz Saturday. Before she sailed her commander received word from a representative of the German government that "important passengers would be waiting at Puerto Mexico to take passage on the liner."
So certain were officers of the United States forces stationed here that Huerta would take passage for Europe on the Ypiranga that they have way today to much speculation as to whether he would land from the ship here. It was generally agreed that Huerta would be perfectly safe in Vera Cruz, as he would be under the protection of the United States and the same guarantee would be extended to him as was extended to Aureliano Urutia when a mob attacked him.
Not Seen in Accustomed Haunts.
Additional color is given to the widespread reports of Huerta's flight by the fact that Huerta has not been seen in his accustomed haunts in the capital for nearly 48 hours. Still further circumstantial confirmation is contained in the arrival here of Heynen, Mexican representative of the Hamburg-American line, and the Brazilian consul in Mexico City. They came upon a special train and refused to discuss their errand.
Querida Moseno, former Mexican foreign minister, and political friend of Huerta, is also said to be leaving the country for his personal safety.
Linked with reports that Huerta is fleeing or is about to flee are indications that Mexico City is on the brink of an uprising. Some believe that disorder has already broken out there but this belief has not been substantiated.
All doubt that a break has occurred between Huerta and his minister of war, Gen. Aureliano Blanquet, has now been removed. Friends and followers of Blanquet have been trying for some time to execute a coup by which they can put Blanquet in the national palace in place of Huerta.
Huertas Flee for Lives.
Among the latest Mexican refugees to arrive from the capital was Fausto E. Miranda, a Huertista in the chamber of deputies and four fellow members of that body.
"I am frank to say we are fleeing for our lives," said Senor Miranda. "Mexico City rests upon the crater of a volcano. For weeks friends have been advising Huerta to flee."
Refugees arriving from the capital today reported that a young Englishman had been stoned to death by a mob during an anti-foreign outbreak. Two other persons were stoned and badly injured because one of them wore a small red, white and blue sash in the lapel of his coat.

IDENTIFY BODY AT LAPORTE.

LAPORTE, Ind., May 27.—The body of a young man found beside the Lake Shore tracks near Kendallville, was identified today as that of James T. Hugh, of Mannington, W. Va.

WAR AND ADVENTURE!

Great Stories Written By Gen. Fred Funston, Commander of Our Invading Army in Mexico—Stories of Desperate Deeds and Valor on the Battlefield—To Begin in The News-Times Thursday Evening.



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The Author, Gen. Frederick Funston, Brigadier-General, United States Army.

Gen. Funston first won fame in the Cuban rebellion, where he served the artillery under Gen. Gomez long before our war with Spain. Later, in the Philippines, because of his amazing acts of bravery, he was promoted from the volunteers and made a brigadier general in the regular army. He was awarded a congressional medal of honor also.
Funston's stories are not dry history. They are thrilling tales of adventure where danger flew on a thousand wings. He tells in the most fascinating fashion what he saw when brave men fought and died. Modestly and simply he tells of the things he did which have brought him such high fame and place.
He has written his story, "Memories of Two Wars," for Charles Scribner's Sons, and The News-Times has purchased exclusive rights for newspaper publication in this city.
Look for his first chapter in The News-Times Thursday, entitled: "How I Became a Cuban Rebel!"

**FOLK IS TESTING
SCOPE OF MORGAN
OFFER OF BOOKS**

Counsel For Interstate Commerce Commission Meets With Legal Representative of Banking Firm.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel for the interstate commerce commission, held a conference at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel today with Francis Lynde Stetson, legal representative of J. P. Morgan and company, to arrange for an examination of the banking firm's financial associations with the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.
Mr. Folk, who came here from Washington last night, also had an appointment with John A. Carver, personal representative of William Rockefeller, who is wanted as a witness in the interstate commerce commission's investigation of the affairs of the New Haven.
Mr. Morgan, in his recent statement defending the relations of his father with the New Haven, had guaranteed to throw open the books of the Morgan banking firm to prove that the elder Morgan had not interfered in the management of the company by forcing deals in which he made millions. Mr. Folk decided to take advantage of this offer.
Mr. Folk brought four expert accountants with him to go over the Morgan books.
"To determine scope of offer," said Mr. Folk before meeting Mr. Stetson, "is to determine the scope of Mr. Morgan's offer. We want to be sure that there are no limitations and that there are no strings attached to the offer."
Mr. Folk said that the commission is determined to get all the data possible, especially concerning the purchase of the Westchester railway by the New Haven, a deal by which the road is said to have been mulcted out of millions.
The investigation of the interstate commerce commission has been adjourned until June 3 and in the meantime Mr. Folk will seek fresh avenues of information.
One report current in Wall st., which Folk refused to discuss, was that he would get a "confession" of a parent director of the New Haven while in this city.

**U. S. OFFICIALS DOUBT
REPORT HUERTA FLED**

Believe President Has Made One of His Characteristic "Disappearances" and Will Reappear.

BY WILLIAM NELSON TAFT,
Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Skepticism today prevailed in official circles over the report that Gen. Huerta is in flight from Mexico City and has sought refuge in Puerto Mexico. No official confirmation of the reports has been received and both the white house and state department are inclined to doubt them. It is generally believed that Gen. Huerta has made one of his characteristic "disappearances" in his favorite haunts in Mexico City and that he will reappear in a short time.
"I have not received an official confirmation that Huerta has left Mexico City," said Secy. Bryan, and the twinkle in the secretary's eye gave the interviewer the impression that Bryan only wished the official confirmation that could be had from Mexico City that this was a true report.
War and navy officials sought to have the reports confirmed from the American commanders in Mexico. The American ships Chester and Tacoma are three miles at sea from Puerto Mexico and it is believed that if Huerta arrives at that port, Admiral Badger will wire the news to Washington immediately.
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**MRS. PANKHURST WINS
EIGHTH HUNGER STRIKE**

LONDON, May 27.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the militant suffragets, who was arrested last Thursday during a riot outside of Buckingham palace, was released from Holloway jail today. This was the eighth victory Mrs. Pankhurst has won over the British government through the medium of the "hunger and thirst" strike.

**UTAH FLOOD LOSS
WILL REACH \$200,000**

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 27.—The flood which resulted from the breaking of a state irrigation dam at Hatchtown, causing \$200,000 loss, began receding today. Ten thousand head of live stock were lost, crops on thousands of acres of land were destroyed and much farm property was damaged.

**BANDITS KILL BRITON
AND AMERICAN AND
MUTILATE BODIES**

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The bodies of W. H. Hoagley, an American, and C. E. Williams, an Englishman, who were killed near E. Favor mine near Guadalajara by bandits, were so horribly mutilated as to make identification almost impossible, according to a report today submitted to the state department by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador.
The report, which was received from a British vice consul in the neighborhood of Guadalajara, who made a personal investigation, gives a minute description of the fight made by Hoagley and Williams and their employes for their lives, while fighting the mob of irresponsible bandits, who finally overpowered them, killing Hoagley and Williams, and seriously wounding several others.
No foreigners, according to the report, witnessed the killing, but natives in the vicinity who were interviewed, gave an authentic report.
The report states that the fight was begun early in the day by the bandits who, under guise of friendship, approached the mine shaft and attempted to assassinate Hoagley and Williams. Only this much of the report submitted by the British ambassador was made public.

**GIRL TELLS COURT HOW
RHODEHEAVER JLTED
HER, ASKS \$50,000**

CHICAGO, May 27.—A breach of promise suit filed against Homer Rhodeheaver, "golden voiced choirmaster" for "Billy" Sunday, evangelist, by Miss Georgia W. Jay, a stenographer, is on hearing before a jury in Judge Honore's court.
Miss Jay asks \$50,000, alleging she became engaged to the singer in a taxicab in April, 1913, and that he sealed the betrothal with a kiss, only to break it on the Christmas night following.
Miss Jay was in court accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Laura Jay, of 6320 University av. Mr. Rhodeheaver is a brother of Yumbert P. Rhodeheaver, of 22 W. Ontario st., the manager of the Homer A. Rhodeheaver Publishing Co. He also was in court.
The romance faded Christmas, 1911. Rhodeheaver, while visiting at Miss Jay's home, told her he could not marry her. Hence the suit for breach of promise.
"He told me our marriage would ruin his career," said Miss Jay last night. "He acted just as if the fact that my whole life dream was shattered amounted to nothing."
"Mr. Rhodeheaver had built a temporary tabernacle in Sioux City and my mother and I attended the meetings. One night Homer walked through the aisle singing a hymn and stopped in front of my seat. That was our first meeting. He spoke and his rich voice thrilled me."
"From that time we met frequently. I often wondered why he did not ask me to marry him, but knew he would some day, so I waited. One night in April, three years ago, Homer came to visit me. We took an automobile and started for home.
"During the ride he put his arm around my neck and he loved me and wanted to marry me. I whispered 'Yes' and then he kissed me. It was not the first kiss he had given me, but the others seemed to have been stolen in a spirit of fun."
"We were happy in our love until that Christmas day. Then he told me he could not marry me, and it broke my heart. I have been a nervous wreck ever since, and an object of scorn to my friends. Homer told me his career in winning souls was more worthy than our love."

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**CITY CLERK ROSTISER
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Harvey F. Rostiser, city clerk of South Bend, will be married the latter part of next month, to Miss Niles Belle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, of Niles, according to an announcement made in the Niles Sun. The bride-to-be will be entertained Thursday afternoon at a bridge party in her honor, at the home of Mrs. W. W. French, of that city.
Miss Smith will be one of several Niles young ladies who will be June brides, and whose prominence in social circles there will make the events of much interest.
Mr. Rostiser resides with his parents at 705 Michigan av., is well known in local social and political circles, having been elected city clerk last fall, after serving as deputy city clerk for a number of years. When asked about his approaching wedding he declined to give the exact date, but admitted he had the matter seriously in mind.

**DECLARES FATHER
THREATENED TO
KILL SON-IN-LAW**

Mrs. Constantine Cokenes took the stand Wednesday morning in circuit court for the defense of her husband, on trial for assaulting George Jacobs with intent to kill. Mrs. Cokenes testified that her father, Jacobs, had threatened her husband several times.
Even before their marriage, she said, her father had not liked Cokenes and did not want her to marry him. Since that time, Jacobs has asked her several times why she did not secure a divorce from him.
Cokenes is on trial for his alleged shooting at Jacobs. The complaining witness testified that he had carried a revolver to protect himself from Cokenes. On the afternoon of the alleged assault he was stopped by the defendant, who had his revolver in his hand, he said.
Isabelle Jacobs, a daughter of the state's mate witness, said that the revolver had been given to her father by her brother-in-law, Mr. Tracas, for the purpose of using it on Cokenes, in case of necessity.
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**EPISCOPAL BISHOP OF
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PORTLAND, Ore., May 27.—The Rev. Charles Scadding, Episcopal bishop of Oregon, died at his home here early today of pleuro-pneumonia. Bishop Scadding had served as pastor of St. George's church, New York, rector of Christ church, Middletown, N. Y., and Trinity church, Toledo, O.
LAFAYETTE.—M. L. Liebhardt, a prominent lumber dealer, died at the sanitarium here as a result of a 50-foot dive from a fire escape of the building from which, in an insane condition, he attempted to escape.

Vote at the Highway Election.

Tomorrow, Thursday, is Lincoln Highway election day, from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock at night. The voting places are the same as they were at the recent primary. It is the duty of every citizen to get out and vote for this 11-mile improvement—vote "yes."
It will serve to place South Bend on the map as it has never been placed there before—a bright spot on the route of the longest stretch of good roads ever undertaken in history, or that, perhaps, ever will be undertaken.
It will mean employment for thousands of men and a 3,000-mile stretch of thoroughfare—New York to San Francisco—with scores of branches, as good as the best of our city streets.
South Bend cannot afford to miss being on this route. Neither can the surrounding farming country. It brings the farmer nearer to market and the consumer nearer to the farm makes them neighbors. It will mean fully as much to South Bend as will the Lake Michigan to Lake Erie canal—more than would another trunk railroad, or even a large local factory.
Do it for South Bend—and vicinity. Go to the polls and vote "yes." Otherwise it may prove one of those times that opportunity called and knocked, but relected turned away never to return. Vote early.

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Carrying the green and white colors of H. D. Duryea, Durbar II ran a brilliant race, finishing amidst a burst of applause in which King George, Queen Mary and other members of the royal family joined.
H. Chotomondy's Hapsburg ran second and H. King's Peter the Hermit finished third.
Sir John Thurstly's Kennymore, the favorite, failed to get in the money.
A brilliant crowd of record-breaking size witnessed the race, while more than 5,000 policemen and detectives kept a vigilant watch to prevent militant suffragets from spoiling the race, as they had threatened to do.
King George took the defeat of his horse, Brakespad, philosophically, saying "It's part of the game."
The start of the race was delayed, owing to the fractious behavior of Kennymore, which was ridden by Frank O'Neill, an American jockey.
The day was brilliant and the track was fast.
Durbar II was an outsider, the bookmakers laying odds of 30 to 1 against him. The odds on Hapsburg were 30 to 1 and the odds on Peter the Hermit were 100 to 1.
Wins by Three Lengths.
Durbar II was ridden by Jockey MacGin, who rode a brilliant race, winning by three lengths.
Durbar II was bred in France.
The earlier odds on Durbar II had been 25 to 1 but as post time approached they were raised to 30 to 1, less of the American horse's chances and lengthened the odds.
Kennymore's widowhood at the post was responsible for his defeat, according to the expert turfmen.
At the last minute many bettors, seeing the excited condition of Kennymore, hedged.
Polycrates got away with Black Jester second and Hapsburg, third. Kennymore got a bad start in rounding the Tatenham corner Durbar got the rail and took the lead. From then on Durbar led the field.
Durbar's time was two minutes, 38 2-5 seconds, which was 3 1-5 seconds away from the record.
Durbar II was the first American horse to win the derby since Richard Croker's Orby in 1907.
MacGin, who rode the winner, is an American jockey.

**U. S. FAILS TO GET
REBEL AGREEMENT
TO AN ARMISTICE**

Efforts to Get Villa and Carranza to Enter Into General Truce in Mexico Fail and Appeal is Made to Mediators

**ENVOYS TAKE DAY OFF
TO ATTEND GARDEN FETE**

Continue Informal Discussion of Peace Problems—Huerta Delegates Discredit Reports of Abdication.

TORONTO, Ont., May 27.—Representations of the United States to the constitutionalists for a general armistice in Mexico have been rejected. On the way to Toronto from Niagara Falls, Justice Lamar, one of the American peace delegates, conferred to Minister Nathan, one of the mediators, that Pres. Wilson had failed in his efforts to have Gen. Carranza, first chief of the constitutionalists, and Gen. Villa, foremost of the armistice, to suggest that the mediators themselves now appeal to Carranza.
BY LAURENCE TOD.
NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 27.—Junketing across the province of Ontario in a special car to attend a garden party in Toronto at which the Duke of Connaught, the governor general of Canada, Princess Patricia, are to be guests, the South American mediators and the American and Mexican peace delegates played steadily at their game of diplomacy today.
Without the formality that marked their "conversations" in mediation headquarters in Clifton hotel, the conferees again took up the following questions:
1.—The time when Gen. Huerta should abdicate.
2.—The right of Huerta to run for the presidency at the next election.
3.—The right of the constitutionalists to dictate the terms of the next election.
4.—The treatment of the agrarian question.
It is expected, that the points upon which the Americans and Mexicans have reached an agreement will be put into writing tomorrow. Reports from Vera Cruz that Gen. Huerta was in flight from the capital, were met with intense interest by all concerned. According to the general belief the abdication of Huerta would render the present conference useless, as it would leave the way clear for the constitutionalists to seize Mexico City and with it the central government of the republic.
If, on the other hand, reports of Huerta's flight are untrue, the arrival of the delegates representing the constitutionalists and the question of an armistice between the Huertistas and the Carranzistas becomes the crux of the situation.
Rebels Must Quit.
Pacification of Mexico cannot begin until the followers of Gen. Francisco Villa and Gen. Emilio Zapata have laid down their arms. The rebels have sworn not to ground their arms so long as Huerta remains in the capital. Zapata probably will refuse to make a truce with the constitutionalists to seize Mexico City and with it the central government of the republic.
A number of code messages passed back and forth between the peace delegates in Washington today, giving rise to the belief that something was happening in Mexico. However, some of these were to be requests to Premier Wilson to put up with the representations for an immediate armistice.
Today's visit to Toronto is largely a return of the courtesy shown by the mediation conference when told of reports current in Vera Cruz and Washington that Gen. Huerta had fled from Mexico City.
Both Senor Rodriguez and Senor E. Guero, the two other Mexican representatives were equally doubtful of the report saying they believed "it could not be true."
KNOX FIRE LOSS WILL REACH NEARLY \$50,000
KNOX, Ind., May 27.—The damage caused by Tuesday morning's fire was estimated Wednesday at nearly \$50,000. The loss on the Follick flour mill and elevator will probably be about \$25,000, of which \$10,000 is covered by insurance. The Long-Thompson Lumber Co. will suffer damage to the amount of \$5,000, fully insured. Fifteen freight cars standing on the Nickel Plate tracks, five of which were loaded with valuable merchandise, were also burned. The origin of the fire is unknown.
STRUCK BY AUTO
Injuries received by John Fruenter, 223 N. Main st., who was struck by an automobile at Lasalle av. and Emerick st. Tuesday, are slight, according to Dr. Edgar Myers Wednesday afternoon. Fruenter was struck by the fender of the car and knocked to the ground. He was taken home in the police ambulance.

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Carrying the green and white colors of H. D. Duryea, Durbar II ran a brilliant race, finishing amidst a burst of applause in which King George, Queen Mary and other members of the royal family joined.
H. Chotomondy's Hapsburg ran second and H. King's Peter the Hermit finished third.
Sir John Thurstly's Kennymore, the favorite, failed to get in the money.
A brilliant crowd of record-breaking size witnessed the race, while more than 5,000 policemen and detectives kept a vigilant watch to prevent militant suffragets from spoiling the race, as they had threatened to do.
King George took the defeat of his horse, Brakespad, philosophically, saying "It's part of the game."
The start of the race was delayed, owing to the fractious behavior of Kennymore, which was ridden by Frank O'Neill, an American jockey.
The day was brilliant and the track was fast.
Durbar II was an outsider, the bookmakers laying odds of 30 to 1 against him. The odds on Hapsburg were 30 to 1 and the odds on Peter the Hermit were 100 to 1.
Wins by Three Lengths.
Durbar II was ridden by Jockey MacGin, who rode a brilliant race, winning by three lengths.
Durbar II was bred in France.
The earlier odds on Durbar II had been 25 to 1 but as post time approached they were raised to 30 to 1, less of the American horse's chances and lengthened the odds.
Kennymore's widowhood at the post was responsible for his defeat, according to the expert turfmen.
At the last minute many bettors, seeing the excited condition of Kennymore, hedged.
Polycrates got away with Black Jester second and Hapsburg, third. Kennymore got a bad start in rounding the Tatenham corner Durbar got the rail and took the lead. From then on Durbar led the field.
Durbar's time was two minutes, 38 2-5 seconds, which was 3 1-5 seconds away from the record.
Durbar II was the first American horse to win the derby since Richard Croker's Orby in 1907.
MacGin, who rode the winner, is an American jockey.

**U. S. FAILS TO GET
REBEL AGREEMENT
TO AN ARMISTICE**

Efforts to Get Villa and Carranza to Enter Into General Truce in Mexico Fail and Appeal is Made to Mediators

**ENVOYS TAKE DAY OFF
TO ATTEND GARDEN FETE**

Continue Informal Discussion of Peace Problems—Huerta Delegates Discredit Reports of Abdication.

TORONTO, Ont., May 27.—Representations of the United States to the constitutionalists for a general armistice in Mexico have been rejected. On the way to Toronto from Niagara Falls, Justice Lamar, one of the American peace delegates, conferred to Minister Nathan, one of the mediators, that Pres. Wilson had failed in his efforts to have Gen. Carranza, first chief of the constitutionalists, and Gen. Villa, foremost of the armistice, to suggest that the mediators themselves now appeal to Carranza.
BY LAURENCE TOD.
NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 27.—Junketing across the province of Ontario in a special car to attend a garden party in Toronto at which the Duke of Connaught, the governor general of Canada, Princess Patricia, are to be guests, the South American mediators and the American and Mexican peace delegates played steadily at their game of diplomacy today.
Without the formality that marked their "conversations" in mediation headquarters in Clifton hotel, the conferees again took up the following questions:
1.—The time when Gen. Huerta should abdicate.
2.—The right of Huerta to run for the presidency at the next election.
3.—The right of the constitutionalists to dictate the terms of the next election.
4.—The treatment of the agrarian question.
It is expected, that the points upon which the Americans and Mexicans have reached an agreement will be put into writing tomorrow. Reports from Vera Cruz that Gen. Huerta was in flight from the capital, were met with intense interest by all concerned. According to the general belief the abdication of Huerta would render the present conference useless, as it would leave the way clear for the constitutionalists to seize Mexico City and with it the central government of the republic.
If, on the other hand, reports of Huerta's flight are untrue, the arrival of the delegates representing the constitutionalists and the question of an armistice between the Huertistas and the Carranzistas becomes the crux of the situation.
Rebels Must Quit.
Pacification of Mexico cannot begin until the followers of Gen. Francisco Villa and Gen. Emilio Zapata have laid down their arms. The rebels have sworn not to ground their arms so long as Huerta remains in the capital. Zapata probably will refuse to make a truce with the constitutionalists to seize Mexico City and with it the central government of the republic.
A number of code messages passed back and forth between the peace delegates in Washington today, giving rise to the belief that something was happening in Mexico. However, some of these were to be requests to Premier Wilson to put up with the representations for an immediate armistice.
Today's visit to Toronto is largely a return of the courtesy shown by the mediation conference when told of reports current in Vera Cruz and Washington that Gen. Huerta had fled from Mexico City.
Both Senor Rodriguez and Senor E. Guero, the two other Mexican representatives were equally doubtful of the report saying they believed "it could not be true."
KNOX FIRE LOSS WILL REACH NEARLY \$50,000
KNOX, Ind., May 27.—The damage caused by Tuesday morning's fire was estimated Wednesday at nearly \$50,000. The loss on the Follick flour mill and elevator will probably be about \$25,000, of which \$10,000 is covered by insurance. The Long-Thompson Lumber Co. will suffer damage to the amount of \$5,000, fully insured. Fifteen freight cars standing on the Nickel Plate tracks, five of which were loaded with valuable merchandise, were also burned. The origin of the fire is unknown.
STRUCK BY AUTO
Injuries received by John Fruenter, 223 N. Main st., who was struck by an automobile at Lasalle av. and Emerick st. Tuesday, are slight, according to Dr. Edgar Myers Wednesday afternoon. Fruenter was struck by the fender of the car and knocked to the ground. He was taken home in the police ambulance.